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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Mar 26, 2001
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-36 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 12
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless:

(e) the invention was described in-

- (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effect under this subsection of a national application published under section 122(b) only if the international application designating the United States was published under Article 21(2)(a) of such treaty in the English language; or
- (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that a patent shall not be deemed filed in the United States for the purposes of this subsection based on the filing of an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a).

2. Claims 1-36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Katinsky et al. (US Patent No. 6,452,609 B1).

Regarding claim 1, Katinsky discloses a media player comprising: a user interface configured to enable a user to interact with the media player to play different types of media [user can exchange play list and player combinations.; see col. 2, lines 31-65]; and a rendering area within the user interface and within which multiple different types of media can be rendered for the user [..the media access webpage has four functional areas, a sequencer, and object player.; see col. 4, lines 7-65].

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Regarding claim 2, Katinsky discloses wherein the media player is configured to render all visual media types that can be rendered by the media player in the rendering area (see col. 5, lines 1-34).

Regarding claims 3 and 4, Katinsky discloses wherein the different types of media comprise video types, animation types, HTML types and skin types (see col. 5, lines 35-67).

Regarding claim 5, Katinsky discloses wherein the different types of media comprise video types, animation types, and -visualization types that can be presented and generally synchronized with audio media that can be played by the media player (see col. 6, lines 1-61).

Claim 6, differs from claim 1 in that "media player comprising: a user interface configured to enable a user to interact with the media player to play different types of media, the different types of media comprising video types, animation types, and visualization types that can be presented and generally synchronized with audio media that can be played by the media player; and a rendering area within the user interface and within which multiple different types of media can be rendered for the user, the media player being configured to render all visual media types that can be rendered by the media player in the rendering area" which set forth to reply on Katinsky (see col. 8, lines 1-60 and figures 6A-8C).

As claims 7-15 are analyzed as previously discussed with respected to claims 1-6 above.

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Regarding claim 16, Katinsky discloses an object model comprising: a base rendering object associated with a rendering area in which multiple different media types can be rendered, the rendering area providing at least a portion of a media player user interface that can be viewed by a user; and multiple different media type rendering objects each of which being associated with a different media type that can be rendered in the rendering area, the different media type rendering objects being configured to render their associated media. (see col. 5, lines 50-67 and figures 2-3).

Regarding claim 17, Katinsky discloses wherein the different media type rendering objects comprise a skin rendering object that is configured to render a skin (see col. 9, lines 13-45).

As claims 18-21 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 16-17 above.

Regarding claims 22 and 23, Katinsky discloses wherein the different media type rendering objects comprise one or more of: a skin rendering object that is configured to render a skin, a video rendering object that is configured to render video, an audio rendering object that is configured to provide a visualization, an animation rendering object that is configured to render animation, and an HTML rendering object that is configured to render HTML. (see col. 10-11, lines 9-67).

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As claims 24-36 are analyzed as previously discussed with respect to claims 1-6 and 16-17 above.

Conclusion

3. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (PTO-892).

Response

4. Responses to this action should be mailed to: Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D.C. 20231. If applicant desires to fax a response, (703) 308-9051 may be used for formal communications or (703) 305-9724 for informal or draft communications.

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Inquires

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-3972. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Cabeca, can be reached on (703) 308-3116. The fax number for this group is (703) 308-6606.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER
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